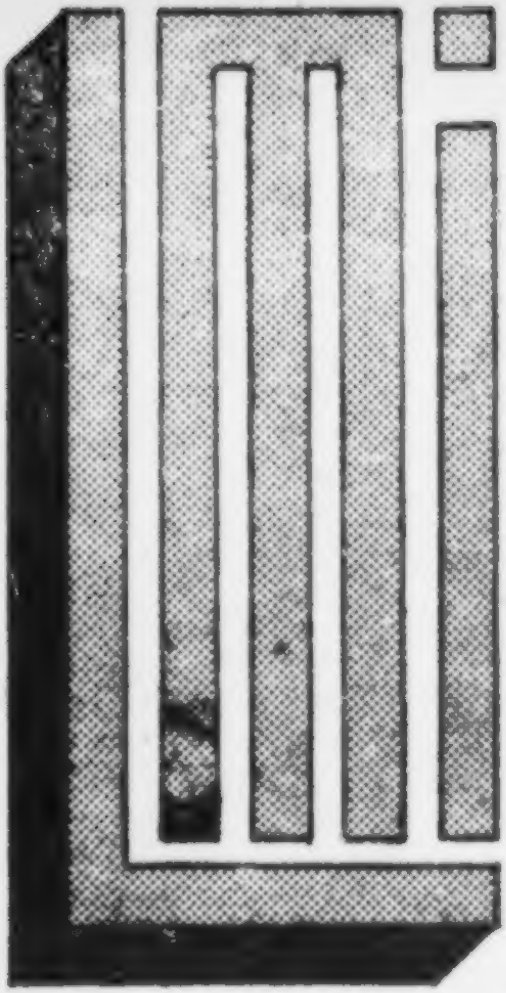

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MONTANA

Current Population Survey
Residence Data

(In Thousands)

	Sep'81	Aug'81	Sep'80	Net Change to Current Month From: Aug. '81	Sep. '80
Civilian Labor Force-Persons.....	390.0	404.3	381.5	-14.3	8.5
Employed Persons....	368.6	380.5	363.0	-11.9	5.6
Persons Employed In Agriculture....	34.2	43.8	35.0	-9.6	-.8
Unemployed Persons..	21.4	23.8	18.5	-2.4	2.9
% of Labor Force Unadjusted..	5.5	5.9	4.8	-.4	.7
% of Labor Force Seasonally Adj....	6.8	6.7	6.1	.1	.7

Employment by Industry
Establishment Data
September 1981 Preliminary
(In Thousands)

	Montana	Great Falls SMSA	Billings SMSA
Non-Farm Wage & Salary Jobs.....	286.3	29.5	47.6
Manufacturing.....	23.8	1.3	4.1
Mining.....	8.6	*	*
Contract Construction.....	17.5	1.9	2.8
Transportation & Public Utilities.	23.3	1.9	4.7
Trade.....	75.7	9.8	16.0
Wholesale.....	19.6	3.0	5.7
Retail.....	56.1	6.8	10.3
FIRE.....	12.9	2.0	2.3
Services.....	58.0	*	*
Services & Mining	66.6	7.0	10.0
Government.....	66.5	5.6	7.7
Federal.....	15.4	1.8	1.5
State & Local....	51.1	3.7	6.2

* Information non-disclosable

SEPTEMBER LABOR FORCE (Preliminary)

Current Population Survey Data

County	1980 Population	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	% RATE
Statewide	786690	389982	368551	21431	5.5
Cascade	80696	35596	33439	2157	6.1
Yellowstone	108035	58799	56639	2160	3.7
Beaverhead	8186	4372	4209	163	3.7
Big Horn	11096	6325	5804	521	8.2
Blaine	6999	3123	2889	234	7.5
Broadwater	3267	1551	1427	124	8.0
Carbon	8099	3621	3487	134	3.7
Carter	1799	943	931	12	1.3
Chouteau	6092	3204	3160	44	1.4
Custer	13109	6579	6349	230	3.5
Daniels	2835	1499	1470	29	1.9
Dawson'	11805	6683	6536	147	2.2
Deer Lodge	12518	4372	3818	554	12.7
Fallon	3763	2493	2451	42	1.7
Fergus	13076	6429	6175	254	4.0
Flathead	51966	24452	22636	1816	7.4
Gallatin	42865	20024	19162	862	4.3
Garfield	1656	866	857	9	1.0
Glacier	10628	7101	6451	650	9.2
Golden Valley	1026	416	409	7	1.7
Granite	2700	1191	1067	124	10.4
Hill	17985	9453	8975	478	5.1
Jefferson	7029	2523	2367	156	6.2
Judith Basin	2646	1221	1201	20	1.6
Lake	19056	8447	7945	502	5.9
Lewis & Clark	43039	24852	23492	1360	5.5
Liberty	2329	1239	1201	38	3.1
Lincoln	17752	7001	6286	715	10.2
McCone	2702	1341	1303	38	2.8
Madison	5448	2689	2624	65	2.4
Meagher	2154	1106	1072	34	3.1
Mineral	3675	1937	1794	143	7.4

County	1980 Population	CLF	EMP	Unemp	% Rate
Missoula	76016	36391	33788	2603	7.2
Musselshell	4428	1877	1829	48	2.6
Park	12660	5975	5662	313	5.2
Petroleum	655	325	320	5	1.5
Phillips	5367	3341	3249	92	2.8
Pondera	6731	3659	3580	79	2.2
Powder River	2520	1323	1300	23	1.7
Powell	6958	3902	3508	394	10.1
Prairie	1836	1014	979	35	3.5
Ravalli	22493	8076	7347	729	9.0
Richland	12243	7326	7176	150	2.0
Roosevelt	10467	5607	5324	283	5.0
Rosebud	9899	6347	5995	352	5.5
Sanders	8675	4268	3877	391	9.2
Sheridan	5414	3486	3451	35	1.0
Silver Bow	38092	17829	16360	1469	8.2
Stillwater	5598	2367	2302	65	2.7
Sweet Grass	3216	1851	1813	38	2.1
Teton	6491	2958	2863	95	3.2
Toole	5559	3013	2888	125	4.1
Treasure	981	474	462	12	2.5
Valley	10250	5362	5138	224	4.2
Wheatland	2359	1239	1216	23	1.9
Wibaux	1476	524	498	26	5.0

LABOR MARKET AREAS
(Unrounded)

Anaconda/Butte	73902	34355	31586	2769	8.1
Bozeman	57679	27105	25896	1209	4.5
Glasgow	34333	19295	18632	663	3.4
Glendive	31718	17754	17349	405	2.3
Hardin/RedLodge	28009	14164	13406	758	5.4
Havre	27313	13815	13065	750	5.4
Helena	53335	28926	27286	1640	5.7
Kalispell	88774	39900	36867	3033	7.6
Lewistown	24190	11507	11150	357	3.1
Miles City	32071	18159	17488	671	3.7
Missoula	110859	50672	46806	3866	7.6
Shelby/CutBank	35501	19935	18942	993	5.0

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Composite Index

1975	95.6	1978	102.8	August 1981
1976	99.1	1979	99.3	93.2
1977	101.2	1980	94.1	

Average Weekly Earnings

1975	$156.65	1978	$212.53	September (P)
1976	$171.24	1979	$229.22	$255.08
1977	$189.38	1980	$237.36	

Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings

1975	$ 85.27	1978	$ 91.44	August 1981
1976	$ 85.68	1979	$ 88.96	$ 77.08
1977	$ 88.68	1980	$ 81.05	

Unemployment Rates

	U.S.	Montana		September 1981 (P) U.S.	Montana
1975	8.5%	6.4.%	Not Seasonally Adj.	7.3	5.5
1976	7.7%	6.1%	Seasonally Adj.	7.5	6.7
1977	7.0%	6.4%			
1978	6.0%	6.0%			
1979	5.8%	5.1%			
1980	7.1%	6.0%			

New Business Firms

	Montana	GF SMSA	BLGS SMSA	Sept. 1981		Year-to-Date
1976	3454	310	583	MT	519	5153
1977	4770	508	781	GF SMSA	32	327
1978	5200	441	876	BLGS SMSA	66	670
1979	5369	352	821			
1980	5433	353	727			

Consumer Price Index: CPI-U
(All items: 1967=100)

	% Change from Year Ago			September 1981 % Change From: Month Ago	Year Ago
1975	9.1%	1978	7.7%	1.0%	11.0%
1976	5.8%	1979	11.3%		
1977	6.5%	1980	13.5%		

(P) = Preliminary GF=Great Falls BLGS=Billings

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Average Initial Claims*

1975	3787	1978	3813	Sept. 1981
1976	3997	1979	3810	3033
1977	3945	1980	4618	

Average Continued Claims*

1975	40,581	1978	37,788	Sept. 1981
1976	38,972	1979	37,082	29228
1977	37,764	1980	46,103	

Average Number of Benefit Payments*

1975	36,102	1978	30,040	Sept. 1981
1976	33,079	1979	30,973	25841
1977	31,451	1980	38,376	

Average Amount of Benefits Paid*

1975	$2,098,079	1978	$2,387,699	Sept. 1981
1976	$2,188,395	1979	$2,615,348	$2,585,251
1977	$2,386,424	1980	$3,572,032	

* (Regular UI program only)

Average Weekly Benefit Amount

1975	$58.84	1978	$84.24	Sept. 1981
1976	$67.48	1979	$88.29	$108.21
1977	$79.50	1980	$97.96	

Minimum Benefit Amount $ 36.00
Maximum Benefit Amount $145.00

Trust Fund Balance (Quarter Ending)
(In Millions)

	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr
1975	$12.6	$ 9.1	$ 9.3	$ 7.0
1976	$ 0.1	$ 2.5	$ 2.6	$ 1.0
1977	$ 1.0	$ 5.4	$ 7.8	$ 6.7
1978	$ 0.6	$ 7.5	$13.3	$14.7
1979	$ 7.8	$15.2	$21.8	$23.0
1980	$17.6	$22.4	$25.8	$18.5
1981	$11.1	$19.6	$26.0	

ANNUAL AVERAGES

SUBJECT				
EMPLOYMENT & LABOR FORCE (In Thousands)	1977	1978	1979	1980
Civilian Labor Force	345.0	368.0	370.0	374.0
Employment	323.0	346.0	351.0	352.0
Agricultural Employment	34.5	33.0	32.2	31.4
Unemployment	22.0	22.0	19.0	22.0
Unemployment Rate-Montana	6.4	6.0	5.1	6.0
Unemployment Rate-U.S.	7.0	6.0	5.8	7.1
Non-farm Wage & Salary Jobs	254.8	280.4	283.8	280.6
Female Non-farm Wage & Salary Jobs	109.7	120.6	128.2	131.5
Manufacturing	25.1	26.3	27.0	23.6
Durable Goods	16.3	17.4	17.9	14.6
Lumber & Wood Products	9.8	10.7	11.1	8.8
Primary Metal Industries	3.3	3.2	3.3	2.6
Other Durable Goods	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.2
Non-Durable Goods	8.8	8.9	9.1	9.0
Food & Kindred Products	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.1
Printing & Publishing	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7
Mining	6.1	7.0	7.7	7.6
Metal Mining	2.1	2.0	2.1	1.5
Bitum.Coal,Quarrying, Non-metal	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	2.4	2.9	3.4	3.8
Contract Construction	15.7	16.7	15.6	14.7
General Building Const.	5.2	5.8	5.5	4.9
Heavy Const. Contractors	4.6	4.7	4.0	3.9
Special Trade Contractors	5.9	6.2	6.1	5.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	20.3	21.7	23.1	23.0
Railroad Transportation	6.3	6.8	7.4	6.9
Transp. exc. railroad	6.3	6.7	6.8	6.5
Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Serv.	7.7	8.2	8.9	9.6